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The four connecting tubular members 4 retain the slide board 2 and step board 3 in affixed parallel relationship in cooperation with the threaded bolts 6 and nuts 7, and are typically provided inward of the depicted imaginary lines 14 where the boots of the snowboarder are placed. The tubular members 4 are typically made of hard plastic material or metallic material. As will be understood, the tubular members, as well as the bolts 6 and nuts 7, are made of relatively rigid, substantially non-compressible materials, such that they maintain a substantially fixed height and substantially prevent relative pivoting between the slide and step boards.